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Applicant : Masahiko HIROSE et al.  
Serial No.: 09/782,339

Art Unit : 1723  
Examiner : Krishnan  
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Filed : February 13, 2001  
Title : WATER TREATMENT APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows [a marked-up version of the amended claim is provided as Appendix A]:

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3. The water treatment apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein a ratio (A : B) of an ion concentration (A) of the permeated water supplied to the final-stage module and an ion concentration (B) of the permeated water that is not supplied to the final-stage module is in a range of 2 : 1 to 10 : 1.

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. As a preliminary matter, the Applicant notes the Examiner has referenced a communication dated January 7, 2002. The Applicant believes this is in error because the



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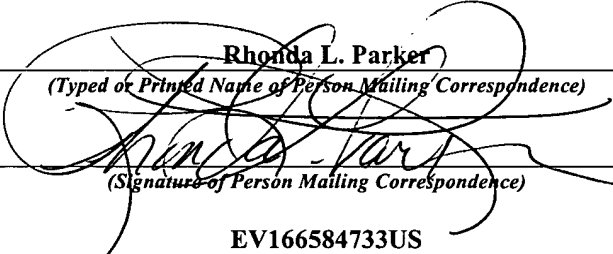
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